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SUBJECT: AZORES BASE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR

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HARTMAN PUT FORTH SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES: THAT WE WORK  
FOR A SIMPLE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT; THAT IT  
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A FRAMEWORK WHICH EXPANDS COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL IN THE  
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